

## **Minutes of the POAC Board of Directors Meeting**

**(Minutes not approved)**

**Zoom Call, January 4, 2026**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM EST by President Scott Shingleton.

Roll call. All directors present: Diana Peaton, Beverly Tabor, Linzy Zahm, Allen Killion, Terry Thorson, Jess Drish Kata, Kent Rorick, Ryan Cate, Tracy Keen, Tracy Filla, Pam Klein

### **Minutes**

Director Cate moved to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2025 conference call, with Peaton seconding. All in favor, with abstention by Director Killion.

Director Rorick moved to approve the December 19, 2025 Zoom call minutes, with Filla seconding. All in favor, with abstention by Director Peaton.

### **Financial Report**

Director Tabor explained that it was too early in the month for December financials, since last month won't close until the 15th of January. Financials for December will be emailed to the board by January 20th.

Discussion concerning the need to have a bank account with a nationwide bank in addition to the Regions Bank. Director Tabor reported that previously the club had an account with Bank of America. Director Cate moved to open a bank account with a nationwide bank, Drish Kata seconded. In favor: Unanimous.

Director Shingleton will handle getting a new account or reopening the account we had previously and determine the amount we need to put into the account to keep it active and not incur a fee.

Discussion that the accountants will be doing a year-end review and have it available before the convention.

There is still one bad check from the Congress. Director Tabor will contact the member to either pay in full or get a payment plan set up. The member is currently suspended.

Budgets for nationally sponsored events will be available prior to the convention. Director Tabor will get these done and sent to the board prior to the February meeting for board input.

### **Rulebook**

The 2026 rulebook is almost completely reviewed with just a few minor changes needed to clarify wording on the futurity deadlines. Director Cate made a motion to accept these rules clarifications for the rulebook and Zahm seconded the motion. All in favor, with the exception of Director Drish Kata who abstained.

Director Klein will email the completed rulebook to the board by January 7 for review before it's sent to the printer.

### **Congress**

Directors Shingleton and Cate had talked to Brandi and reported that Tulsa has agreed to allow POA to move in Monday at 8 AM. Director Cate noted that he is adding a few more members to the Congress committee.

Discussion on the Congress schedule. Michelle had taken notes during the show and is looking at the length of show days. On the Hunter Under Saddle day, we have a set of judges waiting to judge the Trout Futurity in the evening. The club might run classes in the Mustang Arena that day. We will look at the cost for getting a second livestream.

The All-Breed classes were discussed, including ways to cut down on classes that had few entries. At the previous meeting, the board had voted to allow only registered POAs to show at Congress, to include ID and overheight ponies. It was suggested that these classes be called "All POA" classes, to avoid any confusion concerning non-POAs wanting to enter. Director Cate made a motion to have All Ages/All POA classes at Congress, with WT and 3-gait options. Adults and youth would show together. The All Ages/All POA classes would include Huntseat Eq, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Showmanship, and Trail. Second by Keen. Motion passed 10-1 with Peaton voting No. Additional All POA classes would include Yearling and 2 Year Old Halter, 3 and Older Halter, Yearling and 2 Year Old In-Hand Trail, and Yearling and 2 Year Old Longe Line.

Info for Congress sponsorships should be finalized in the next couple of weeks. Tables will be available to bid on again this year. The website needs to be updated with Congress information. Also, the club needs to look at revamping our website. Wendi Schmid hopes to have proposals by the end of January for updating the website.

A problem has been identified when a stallion is gelded but the registration papers have not been updated. The board decided that when this happens at the time of measurement, the pony's papers will be retained and the owner will fill out the paperwork to change to gelding along with the payment.

At the December meeting, the board had decided not to offer trophies for the All-Breed classes. However, upon further discussion, the POAC will offer trophies for the All POA classes at Congress.

Director Zahm made a motion to allow youth to be eligible to show for age division and multi-pony awards, seconded by Rorick. Motion passed, 10 in favor, with Killion abstaining.

### **Futurity**

Major discussion on whether the board is able to revisit/revote on their decision in July to have the futurity at Gordyville in 2026 and then move to the Iowa State Fairgrounds in 2027-2029. Director Cate and other directors feel this is not possible according to Robert's Rules Of Order, in part due to the fact that we have been working on a contract with ISF. Other directors would still like to revisit the decision. After much discussion, Director Keen motioned to have Director Peaton contact a Robert's Rules expert within 7 days to determine whether the board's vote in July can be revisited, Killion seconded the motion. In favor: Keen, Drish Kata, Zahm, Killion, Tabor and Peaton; Opposed: Cate, Rorick, Thorson, Klein, and Filla. Motion carried.

Director Cate requested the board be provided a full charges quote from each facility so the board can compare to each other.

### **2026 Convention**

We still don't have the information about all of the costs for the Convention from the hotel. Regardless, we need to get information to the members. Director Zahm will update the registration form with the cost of \$100 for in-person attendance and \$50 for a Zoom option.

A letter from a member was received by the board, but no action was taken at this time.

The next board meeting was set for Jan. 25, 2026 at 7 PM EST via Zoom.

Director Cate moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peaton. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 PM EST

Minutes submitted by Beverly Tabor.